

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle Atlantic States, increasing easterly winds, cloudy weather, and snow or rain. Increasing easterly winds, falling barometer, stationary or lower temperature, and cloudy and rainy weather will prevail.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was partly cloudy, raw, and disagreeable.

Thermometer Yesterday: 6 A. M., 30; 9 A. M., 32; noon, 33; 3 P. M., 38; 6 P. M., 37; midnight, 33.

Mean temperature, 33.

LOCAL MATTERS.

FIRST OF JANUARY DISPATCH.—Copies of to-day's Dispatch, put up for mailing, may be had at our counter.

RECEIVED.

The following table shows the state of the thermometer (Fahrenheit) at sunrise during the month of December, as also the high and low points reached each day, and the direction of the wind:

CONDITION.	Min.	Max.	Dir.	Max.
1st—cloudy	33	38	N. E.	58
2nd—cloudy	34	39	N. E.	59
3rd—cloudy	35	40	N. E.	60
4th—cloudy	36	41	N. E.	61
5th—cloudy	37	42	N. E.	62
6th—cloudy	38	43	N. E.	63
7th—cloudy	39	44	N. E.	64
8th—cloudy	40	45	N. E.	65
9th—cloudy	41	46	N. E.	66
10th—cloudy	42	47	N. E.	67
11th—cloudy	43	48	N. E.	68
12th—cloudy	44	49	N. E.	69
13th—cloudy	45	50	N. E.	70
14th—cloudy	46	51	N. E.	71
15th—cloudy	47	52	N. E.	72
16th—cloudy	48	53	N. E.	73
17th—cloudy	49	54	N. E.	74
18th—cloudy	50	55	N. E.	75
19th—cloudy	51	56	N. E.	76
20th—cloudy	52	57	N. E.	77
21st—cloudy	53	58	N. E.	78
22nd—cloudy	54	59	N. E.	79
23rd—cloudy	55	60	N. E.	80
24th—cloudy	56	61	N. E.	81
25th—cloudy	57	62	N. E.	82
26th—cloudy	58	63	N. E.	83
27th—cloudy	59	64	N. E.	84
28th—cloudy	60	65	N. E.	85
29th—cloudy	61	66	N. E.	86
30th—cloudy	62	67	N. E.	87
31st—cloudy	63	68	N. E.	88

Average for the month at sunrise, 28.08.

DIVIDENDS.

The stockholders of our banks and home insurance companies are to be remunerated on the good dividends declared by these institutions out of their earnings the past six months, and which are to be paid from all taxes.

The National Bank—Isaac Davenport, Jr., president and S. A. Glover cashier—make a dividend of five per cent.

The National Bank of Virginia—John L. Bacon president and William M. Hill cashier—pay three per cent.

The Union Bank of Richmond—Isaac Davenport, Jr., president and James Miller cashier—make a dividend of three per cent.

The Citizens Bank of Richmond—Z. W. Pickett president and E. B. Sneed cashier—divide four per cent.

The Merchants and Planters Savings Bank—John H. Montague president and William A. Jenkins cashier—pay three per cent.

The Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company—William L. Cowardin president and W. H. McCarthy secretary—declare seven per cent.

The Virginia Life Insurance Company—John L. Bacon president and J. M. Tate secretary—pay five per cent.

The Merchants and Mechanics Insurance Company—A. Y. Stokes president and J. B. Moore secretary—divide five per cent.

The Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company—Fred R. Scott president and M. W. Varrington treasurer—declare two per cent.

CHANGES OF FIRMS.—The new year opens with fewer business changes than usual. We notice those which have been announced:

Walter D. Blair & Co., probably the oldest house in the city, was dissolved on the 4th of April, 1878, by the death of the senior partner, Walter D. Blair, and we are now informed that Julian Binford and Lucien B. Tutum will continue the business under the old firm-name at the old stand.

Gate & Minor, druggists, J. W. Gates will continue the same business at the old stand, 1436 Main street. T. F. Minor will conduct a wholesale grocery, provision, and liquor-store at 1313 Cary street.

J. W. Stout and John H. Stout have formed a partnership under the style of J. W. Stout & Son, to continue the grocery business at the corner of Second and Canal streets.

John M. Morris has been admitted as a partner in the firm of Davenport & Morris.

The concern of Salmon, Hancock & Co. having been dissolved on the 11th of October, 1878, by the death of Mr. Salmon, it is announced that J. M. Hancock and Charles E. Whitlock have formed a partnership under the old firm-name, to continue the business of tobacco manufacturers.

The firm of Cringan, Morris & Co. is dissolved. Either partner will sign in liquidation.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—Fraternity Lodge, No. 11, No. 265; J. F. Bell, dictator; J. M. Ford, vice-dictator; W. H. Talman, secretary; S. B. Jacobs, reporter; R. S. Denny, financial reporter; John Laird, treasurer; J. R. F. Burroughs, clerk; William Myer, chaplain; J. E. Boschen, guardian; A. T. Minor, sentinel; R. F. Tinsley, past dictator; Trustees: R. A. Brook, William Gibson, and Henry Brannan.

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The foregoing officers will be installed on Monday night, January 6, by Deputy C. O. F. Wise.

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